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1. ON JUNE 29 EC AND MALTESE NEGOTIATORS AGREED, AD
REFERENDUM, ON TRADING ARRANGEMENTS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE
JULY 1, WHEN MALTA'S COMMONWEALTH PREFERENCES LAPSED
AND THE "FIRST STAGE" OF THE EC-MALTA ASSOCIATION
AGREEMENT ENVISAGING EVENTUAL CUSTOMS UNION WAS TO HAVE
EXPIRED. IN SUM, THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO EXTEND THE
"FIRST STAGE" THROUGH 1980. IN ADDITION, THE EC
AGREED TO SOME FURTHER MINOR TRADE CONCESSIONS (WE DO
NOT HAVE DETAILS) AND TO SOME ADJUSTMENT IN RULES OF
ORIGIN CRITERIA TO MAKE THE RULES OF ORIGIN FOR MALTA
CONFORM TO THOSE THE EC HAS ESTABLISHED FOR OTHER
MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES.

2. DESPITE REPEATED EFFORTS BY THE MALTESE IN THESE
NEGOTIATIONS TO GET FURTHER EC ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--
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I.E., BEYOND THAT PROVIDED UNDER A FINANCIAL PROTOCOL
CONCLUDED BY THE TWO SIDES LAST YEAR--THE EC WAS
UNWILLING TO MAKE ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS AT THIS TIME.
SPECIFICALLY, THE EC FLATLY REFUSED DEMANDS THAT MALTA
BE GIVEN ACCESS TO THE COMMUNITY'S REGIONAL AND SOCIAL
FUNDS, WHICH WERE ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO
EC MEMBER STATES. HINTON

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